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SUBJECT: FURTHER ON PRESS UNREST, ATTEMPTS AT GOVERNMENT CONTROL

REF: LISBON (A) 3737, (B) 4464, (C) 4569

SUMMARY: LATEST MOVE IN GOP EFFORTS TO KEEP PRESS "IN LINE"  
THROUGH PROPOSED AFM PLAN OF ACTION CAME IN MINISTRY OF SOCIAL  
COMMUNICATION NOTE WHICH REITERATES VIEWPOINT THAT TOO MANY  
NEWSPAPERS ARE BEING PUBLISHED, AT TOO LARGE A BUDGETARY DEFICIT.  
END SUMMARY.

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1. A MINISTRY OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATION NOTE, PUBLISHED IN SOME AUG. 25 NEWSPAPERS, RESPONDS TO A MOTION APPROVED AT A RECENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE JOURNALISTS' SYNDICATE IN WHICH THE NEWSMEN OPPOSED PROPOSED REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF NEWSPAPERS, AN INCREASE IN THEIR WORK SCHEDULE HOURS, AND A NEW PRESS LAW.

2. STRONGEST POINT IN LATEST NOTE IS THAT PUBLICATION OF DEFICIT-BUDGET STATE-OWNED NEWSPAPERS NOW IS COSTING A TOTAL OF 42,000,000 ESCUDOS (APPROXIMATELY U.S. \$1,600,000) PER MONTH. DOCUMENT STATES, "THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS BELIEVES THAT THERE IS AN EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF NEWSPAPERS IN THIS COUNTRY AND THAT IT IS BECOMING URGENT TO CORRECT THIS SITUATION."

3. DOCUMENT ALSO ALLUDES TO "CERTAIN JOURNALISTS" WHO EARN MORE MONEY THAN CABINET MINISTERS BECAUSE THE NEWSMEN HAVE SEVERAL JOBS, RECEIVE OVERTIME PAYMENT AND "BUSINESS EXPENSE" ACCOUNTS.

4. MINISTRY DOCUMENT CHIDES THOSE JOURNALISTS "WHO CONTINUE TO IGNORE THE REAL PROBLEMS FOR WHICH THEIR HELP IN FINDING SOLUTIONS WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIREBLE...."

5. COMMENT: CONTINUED GOP PRESSURE FOR A REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF NEWSPAPERS REFLECTS STRONG BELIEF BY SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER JESUINO THAT THERE INDEED ARE TOO MANY PAPERS. AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT REPRESENTS A SORT OF CONSTANT BLACKMAIL TO EDITORS AND WRITERS--AS IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE FIRST PAPERS TO BE AXED WILL BE THOSE WHICH TAKE THE MOST INDEPENDENT OR OPPOSITIONIST LINES ON THE REGIME'S POLICIES.  
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